WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PAVILLION FIELD STATUS UPDATE

November 26, 2013

Since the last meeting of the Pavillion Working Group on August 2, 2013 staff from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Quality Division (WQD) met with both US EPA and Encana staff at their offices in Denver, CO on September 4, 2013. The purpose of the meetings was to provide both US EPA and Encana Corporation an opportunity to present and provide DEQ with information for its consideration during its review of water quality issues associated with drinking water wells in the Pavillion area. DEQ was principally interested in obtaining information in the following areas: Geology/Hydrogeology, Water Well Construction, Geochemistry, Data Sets, Experts and Expertise. Both EPA and Encana provided DEQ with lists of references to documents and reports, and copies of information and data for DEQ's review and consideration.

During this period DEQ also continued to collect information and cost estimates to perform video downhole camera work on drinking water wells in the study area in order to better understand the construction and condition of those wells. In addition, water well access agreements forms were developed. DEQ plans to begin the sampling and videotaping of the wells in the Spring of 2014 when weather conditions are favorable.

In the interim, DEQ has collected information provided by the Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens organization, Encana, and others interested in recommending experts to assist DEQ in its work. The US EPA has requested a separate, follow up meeting at a future date to discuss its recommendations of expert assistance for DEQ's consideration.

DEQ is currently in the process of developing a website that will provide public access to the information and data that it receives. DEQ anticipates that the webpage will become activated before December 1, 2013.

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